



Steven W. Troxler
Commissioner

**North Carolina Department of Agriculture
and Consumer Services**
Veterinary Division

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Dear Sir or Madam,

The attached temporary rules pertaining to the Animal Shelter Support Fund have been passed and went into effect on Tuesday, November, 29, 2016. These temporary rules identify the expenses eligible for reimbursement from the Animal Shelter Support Fund and the guidelines for applying for reimbursement to the Animal Shelter Support Fund.

The Animal Shelter Support Fund was passed by the N.C. General Assembly in 2015 and is to be used by the Animal Welfare Section (AWS) of the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (NCDA&CS) to reimburse local governments for expenses related to the operation of a registered animal shelter due to: 1) denial, suspension, or revocation of a shelter's registration or 2) an unforeseen catastrophic disaster at an animal shelter.

The application for requesting reimbursement, the N.C. General Statutes, and the temporary rules pertaining to the Animal Shelter Support Fund are available by clicking on the "Animal Shelter Support Fund" link on the AWS website, www.ncaws.com.

Sincerely,

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Director Animal Welfare Section
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